4. The generic name *Platypria* Guérin has however been widely used in the literature of the last century and is a name of importance in applied entomology, being the name currently used for such economic species as *P. andrewesi* Weise, which occurs in India, *P. echinogale* Gestro, which occurs in Sumatra, and *P. erinacea* (Fabricius) and *P. hystrix* (Fabricius), both Indian species. For the foregoing reasons it would be most undesirable that the name *Platypria* Guérin should now be sunk as a synonym of *Lobacantha* Kirby, in view especially of the fact that the latter name has never been used at all except on the single occasion on which it was first published by Kirby.

5. In the interest of nomenclatorial stability, I therefore now ask the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature :—

(1) to use its plenary powers to suppress the generic name *Lobacantha* Kirby, 1837, for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy ;

(2) to place the generic name *Platypria* Guérin-Méneville, 1840 (gender of generic name : feminine) (type species, by selection by Maulik (1919) : *Hispa echidna* Guérin-Méneville, 1840) on the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology :*

(3) to place the generic name *Lobacantha* Kirby, 1837, as proposed, under (1) above, to be suppressed under the plenary powers, on the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology :*

(4) to place the trivial name *echidna* Guérin-Méneville, 1840 (as published in the binominal combination *Hispa echidna*) (trivial name of type species of *Platypria* Guérin-Méneville, 1840) on the *Official List of Specific Trivial Names in Zoology.*

PROPOSED USE OF THE PLENARY POWERS TO SUPPRESS THE TRIVIAL NAME "TERETICAUDA" ESCHSCHOLTZ, 1833 (AS PUBLISHED IN THE COMBINATION "TRITON TERETICAUDA"), THUS RENDERING AVAILABLE THE TRIVIAL NAME "LUGUBRIS" HALLOWELL, 1849 (AS PUBLISHED IN THE COMBINATION "SALAMANDRA LUGUBRIS") (CLASS AMPHIBIA, ORDER CAUDATA)

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The present application for the use by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature of its plenary powers is submitted under the procedure laid down by the International Congress of Zoology for the prevention of confusion arising through the replacement of well-known names by names regarded by some specialists as *nomina dubia* (see 1950, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **4** : 76, point (g) (3)).

2. The *nomen dubium* concerned is the trivial name *tereticauda* Eschscholtz, 1833 (as published in the combination *Triton tereticauda* Eschscholtz, 1833, *Zool. Atlas* **5** : 14). The nominal species so named was accompanied by an inadequate description but nevertheless it seems likely that the species to which this name was applied is the species now known as *Aneides lugubris* (Hallowell, 1849) (*Salamandra lugubris* Hallowell, 1849, *Proc. Acad. nat. Sci. Philad.* **4** : 126).

3. *Aneides lugubris* (Hallowell) is a well known species and the trivial name *lugubris* has been habitually applied to it. It is moreover the type species of the genus *Aneides* Baird, 1851 (*in* Baird-Heck, *Iconograph. Ency.* **2** : 257), a replacement name for *Anaides* Baird, 1849 (*Icon. Encyclop. Sci.* **2** : 257), a junior homonym of *Anaides* Westwood, 1842 (*Ann. Mag. nat. Hist.* **8** : 457). Confusion, unaccompanied by any corresponding benefit, would result from the substitution of the trivial name *tereticauda* Eschscholtz, 1833, for the trivial name *lugubris* Hallowell, 1849.

4. The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is accordingly asked :—

(1) to use its plenary powers to suppress the trivial name *tereticauda* Eschscholtz, 1833 (as published in the binominal combination *Triton tereticauda*) for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy ;

(2) to place the trivial name *lugubris* Hallowell, 1849 (as published in the binominal combination *Salamandra lugubris*) (trivial name of type species of *Aneides* Baird, 1851) on the *Official List of Specific Trivial Names in Zoology :*

(3) to place the generic name *Aneides* Baird, 1851 (type species, by monotypy : *Salamandra lugubris* Hallowell, 1849) on the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology :*

(4) to place the trivial name *tereticauda* Eschscholtz, 1833 (as published in the binominal combination *Triton tereticauda*), as proposed, in (1) above, to be suppressed under the plenary powers on the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Trivial Names in Zoology :*

(5) to place the generic name *Anaides* Baird, 1849 (junior homonym of *Anaides* Westwood, 1842) on the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.*